

4th Grade

Let's explore the academic challenges and the personal triumphs of the fourth grade, as we navigate the increased demands on our minds and our character in the classroom.

Bible and leadership – In fourth grade we delve deep into the character and actions of Christ as revealed through the book of John and learn to apply them to our own lives.

Reading – Discovering other worlds is just a page away when a student knows how to savor a good book. We spend a lot of time cultivating a love of reading with the following novels: The Sign of the Beaver, 21 Balloons, The Bridge, and Esperanza Rising. We explore each book together as a class and engage in comprehension activities related to the stories.

Grammar – Foundational to great writing is a solid understanding of sentence structure and proper word use. Our grammar curriculum is designed to strengthen students' knowledge and familiarity with the eight parts of speech and various sentence patterns.

Writing – As accomplished fourth graders, we will learn to be master writers with the ability to create images and induce emotions through words. We will use the IEW curriculum, as well as narrative and expository essay writing skills to create essays that impress and delight.

Math – Since math is a skill most people use daily, special attention is paid to the mastery of key concepts, which covers everything from place value and story problems to multiplication and division in an interactive, mostly pain-free way.

Science – For the first half of the year we will be studying human body and most of its systems. This will involve several hands-on activities including dissection and intricate diagramming, and a field trip to the Florida State Athletic Training Facility.

Social Studies - For the second half of the year we will be studying Florida History and the explorers. We will follow Ponce de Leon, Hernando de Soto, and many others as they traipse across this great state. This unit will include a field trip to the capitol building and a day long tour of St. Augustine.

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! Psalm 119:10

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